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MINUTES

—of the—

Ninety-Ninth Annual Session

—of the—

Original Bear Creek Association

Held with the

CHURCH AT PLEASANT GROVE,

Sept. 18, 19, 20, 1931.

OFFICERS

Elder P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator ..... Albemarle, N. C., Route 2
T. A. HELMS, Church Clerk ..... Marshville, N C
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk ..... Peachland, N C
M. N. TODD, Reading Clerk ..... Monroe, N. C., route 2

☞ Next session will convene with the church at Union Grove, Union County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in September, 1932.

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5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

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Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust. and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

PROCEEDINGS

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. P.J.Washburn.

After an intermission of one hour the Association assembled in the house, and after praise and prayer by Eld. Jesse Barnes, the church and invited messengers and visitors proceeded to business as follows : Eld. P. J. Washburn, pastor of Pleasant Grove church acted as Moderator and Bro. T. A, Helms, Clerk of Pleasant Grove church, acted as Clerk of this Association, who called in H. M. Baucum and M. N. Dodd to assist him.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches which were handed in and read, and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove..whole church,

From Watson..Gilbert Benton, David Helms, Eld. O. C. Mullis, H. N. Curlee, Alternate.

From High Hill..M. N, Todd, S H Edwards, Geo. Helms, alternate, Vann P. Helms.

From Lawyer's Spring..W A Dry, W E Jones, H M Baucom, alternate. C P Griffin.

From Union Grove..C R Hill, F L Baucom, T E Privett F D Deese, alternate.

From Bethel..Represented by letter.

From Meadow Creek..W H Hatley. D M Hathcock.

From Mountain Creek A J Deese, J C Miller, J E Russell

From Liberty Hill L C Blackwelder, J E Vanhoy.

3. The pastor of Pleasant Grove church was authorized to appoint committees on finance and preaching, who in turn appointed messengers from each church as committees on finance and preaching.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats as follows : From Dan River, Elder J R Wilson, W H Oaks, J T Jackson and J T Lewis.

From Carolina Association..Elder A N Green, S F Heath, J W Mayme and others.

From Silver Creek Eld. R A May and wife.

From Little River..Elds. Jesse Barnes, G W Stevenson Bro R F Smith and others.

5. Distributed Corresponding Minutes as usual.

6. On motion we take up correspondence with Silver Creek Association.

Saturday Morning

7. Met in house pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Eld. J R Wilson, proceeded to business as follows: Called on finance committee to report:

Reported sent up by the churches this year $70.00.

8. On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the church at Union Grove, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1932, and embracing Saturday and Sunday following, and that the officers of that church, be the officers of the Association, with privilege of calling in assistance.

9. It is agreed to have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual, and H M Baucom is requested to have the job done and that we allow him thirty dollars for same and for distribution of same.

10. On motion it is agreed that we return thanks to God for His blessings to the people of the surrounding country for their hospitality during this meeting.

Thus ended a pleasant and profitable session of this Association, and we felt that it was good to wait upon the Lord and that our strength had been renewed, while many faces were wet with tears of joy, while the doctrine of the Lord dropped as the gentle rain, and His speech distilled as the dew from the lips of His anointed servants.

May the Lord keep us all humble and at the feet of God's little children, ever looking over each other for good, and not for evil. Amen.

Eld. P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
T A HELMS, Church Clerk
H M BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk
M N TODD, Reading Clerk

Order of Preaching

Fri. A. M.	Eld. P J Washburn, Introductory sermon
" P. M.	Eld. J T Lewis and Eld. G W Stephenson
Sat. A. M.	Elds. A N Green, Jesse Barnes, R A May
Sat. P. M.	Elds. O C Mullis, W H Oaks
Sun. A. M.	Elds. J T. Jackson, J R Wilson, J T Lewis
" P. M.	Elds. W H Oaks and P J Washburn

Names and Addresses of Ministers

Eld. P J Washburn, route 2 ..... Albemarle, N C
" O C Mullis, route 2..... Unionville "
" J R Wilson, 213 Moss Street, Martinsville, Va.
" C H White ..... Wadesboro, "
" W E Benton ..... Shallotte "
" J T Jackson ..... Bassetts, Va.
" Jesse Barnes ..... Four Oaks "
" W H Oaks ..... Dry Forks, Va.
" J T Lewis ..... Angier, "
" A N Greene ..... Gastonia "
" G W Stevenson ..... Benson "

Corresponding Letter

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association to our sister churches composing this Association and to our sister Associations with whom we correspond, Greetings: Dear Brethren, through the mercy of God, we were permitted to meet again in sweet fellowship and union in an Associational capacity.

It is an association indeed when we can meet in love and associate with each other, all seeing eye to eye, and speaking the same thing.

We hope to thank God for the able gifts He has sent among us proclaiming the doctrine of a crucified and risen Lord.

We are content with the plain Bible truths that were advanced by the many precious gifts from the different parts of the country.

Our hearts were glad to see so many visiting ministers, laity and friends coming from different parts of the country.

We felt that it was none other than the House of God, seeing so much of His manifest presence. We ask your continued correspondence and presence with us. We also ask an interest in your prayers.

The next session of this Association will D. V. be held with church at Union Grove, near Monroe, N. C.

We are glad to say that our churches are all in peace, sweet fellowship one with another, and are satisfied to follow in the good old way.

Submitted in love.

F. LATTA BAUCOM

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors and Address	Clerks and Address	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Confession	Total membership	Sunday of meeting	Contributions
Pleasant Grove	Elder P J Washburn	T A Helms, Marshville N C	6	--		--	1	--	--	36	2	$10 00
Watson	" P J Washburn,	Preston Helms, Rt 2, Unionville "	--	1	-	--	1		--	39	4	10 00
Union Grove	" ~~O C Mullis, Unioville, Rt 3, N C~~	F L Baucom, Monroe, route 2 "	--	.	--	--	16	.	--	47	2	10 00
High Hill	" ~~No pastor~~	C T Mills, Monroe, route 2 "	3	-	-	--	1	1	--	40	1	15 00
Bethel	" ~~J R Wilson~~	O J Bell, Wampee, S C	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	22	4	2 00
Lawyer's Springs	" ~~W E Benton~~	H M Baucom, Peachland "	1	6	--	--	1	.	--	61	1	10 00
Liberty Hill	" ~~J R Wilson~~	L C Blackwelder, Stanfield "			1	--	2	--	--	8	1	1 00
Meadow Creek	" O C Mullis	D M Hatchcock, Stanfield "		--		--	1	--	--	14	1	2 00
Mountain Creek	" P J Washburn	J E Russell, Albemarle "	--	2	-	--	--	--	--	13	3	2 00

Contributions sent up from the church	$67 00
Contributions handed in by friends	3 00
Total contributions	$70 00
Expense for Minutes	30 00
Contributed to Minutes	40 00

MINUTES

--of the—

One Hundred and Second Annual Session

--of the—

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Held With The

Church at Lawyer's Springs, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 1934

OFFICERS

ELDER J. R. WILSON, Moderator
H. M. BAUCOM, Clerk
M. N. TODD, Asst. Clerk

Next Session convenes with the Church at Meadow Creek September 13—14—15—1935

MINUTES

- of the—

One Hundred and Second Annual Session

--of the—

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Held With The

Church at Lawyer's Springs, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 1934

OFFICERS

ELDER J. R. WILSON, Moderator
H. M. BAUCOM, Clerk
M. N. TODD, Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, 11 a. m. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J R Wilson from Rom. 5-10. After an intermission of one hour, the Association assembled in the house and after praise and prayer by Elder G W Stephenson, the church and messengers and invited visitors proceeded to business as follows: Elder J R Wilson, pastor of Lawyers' Springs church acted as moderator, and H M Baucom, clerk of the same church acted as clerk, and brother M N Todd assisted him.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches which were handed in and read, and their status noted.

From Bethel church, represented by letter & contribution.

From High Hill church, M N Todd, S D Outen, S H Edwards, C R Hill and N W Williams.

From Lawyers' Springs church, whole church.

From Liberty Hill church, L C Blackwelder, John Morton, D F Honeycutt and others.

From Meadow Creek church, R M Hatley, W H Hatley D M Hathcock and others.

From Mountain Creek church, J E Russell, C W Smith, A J Deese and others,

From Pleasant Grove church, T A Helms, E A Broome, T F Mills and others.

From Union Grove church, S H Privett, J C Medlin, J A Griffin and others.

From Watson church, David Helms, Elder O C Mullis, Henry Curlee and others.

From Union church, Brady Polk, S F Heath, W R Coley.

3. The Association authorized the moderator to appoint committees on preaching & finance. committees Finance Messengers from several churches. Preaching: W A Dry, P A Griffin, W E Jones, J E Russell, J F Simpson.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None.

5. Called on Presbyters to report. Elder C M Mills reported that he, Elder W E Benton and deacon S H Edwards formed a bresbytery at Bethel church, ordained Bro Thos. Bell a deacon of that church.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister Assscia-tions and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek Association, Elder R A May, Elder A L Presnell, M F Green and others.

From Dan River Association, Elders J R Wilson, W H Oaks, J T Lewis. Silas Dallas, J J Minter and others.

From Little River Association, Elders G W Stevenson. J S Stevenson. Jesse Barnes and others.

From Friendship church, Ill., Elder C H Ferrell

From Sequatchie Valley, minutes

From Nolachucky, minutes

From South Arkansas Association, minutes

On motion it is agreed that we take up correspondence with the South Arkansas Association as they requested.

7. On motion it is agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and Associations with whom we have been corresponding.

8. On motion Elder C M Mills was appointed to write circular letter for this minute.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuent to adjournment at 9 o'clock a. m, and after praise and prayer by Elder W H Oaks, proceeded to business as follows :

9. Called on finance committee to report. Reported sent up to the churches this year $122 90. On motion committee discharged.

10. On motion it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter was called for, read and adopted.

11. On motion it is agreed that we take up correspondence with South Arkansas Association as requested.

12, On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session with the church at Meadow Creek in Stanly Co., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept, 1935, and continuing through Saturday and Sunday following.

13. On motion it is agreed that we have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual, and H M Baucom is requested to have the job done, and that we allow him $25.00 for printing and distributing them.

14. On motion it is agreed that we return thanks to God for His blessings, and the good people of this vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting,

15. On motion it is agreed that all funds above $25.00 be distributed to ministers present.

Ministers Present

Elder G W Stephenson	Elder C M Mills
" Jesse Barnes	" C H White
" J R Wilson	" R A May
" J T Lewis	" A L Presnell
" W H Oaks	" O C Mullis
" P J Washburn	" S F Heath

Elder Silas Dallas

Order of Preaching

Friday a. m.	Elder J R Wilson	Heb. 8-10
Friday p. m.	Elder C H Ferrell	Romans 10
Friday p. m.	Elder Jesse Barnes	(Come see a man that told me all I ever did)
Saturday a.m.	Elder S G Stephenson	Revelations
' a. m.	' A L Presnell	"What I say unto you I say unto all"
' a. m.	' P J Washburn	The resurrection
' p. m.	' C M Mills	Acts 1-3
' p. m.	' R A May	Rev. 21:12
' p. m.	' O C Mullis	Isaiah 40
Sunday a. m.	' J S Stephenson	Psalms I.
' a. m.	' W H Oaks	Relationship-Fellowship
' a. m.	' J T Lewis	Eph. 3:7-8
' a. m.	' J R Wilson	Exhortation to God's people to Godliness

There were ministers present of varying ages, from 21 years to 80 years, all preaching the gospel of peace and in power and demonstration of the spirit of love,

God is love, and how can we consistently claim to be His unless we love one another? It is so Christ-like to see brethren looking over another for good and not for evil. If we say we love God and the same time hate our brother we are deceived in ourselves, for if we love God we will love His children also, and the more Christ-like, the more lovable they are. This was indeed a wonderful meeting, old and illiterate men, yet humble and God-fearing, carrying God's little children to the mountain-top where they could view the promised land. Lord help us to inherit it. Young men, middle-aged men and old men, all bearing testimony of the goodness and love of God,

How good and pleasant when the old and the young will confess their faults one to another, Lord keep us humble.

Elder J R WILSON, Moderator
H M BAUCOM, Clerk
M N TODD, Asst. Clerk

Corresponding Letter

To the beloved brethren composing this Association and to the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Greetings: God has blessed us to meet again in an Associational capacity to worship and adore His name, We appreciate the correspondence of our sister Associations and beg that it may long continue in love and peace. We extend our invitation to sister Associations to visit us and be with us as often as you can. We are at peace and sweet fellowship, and earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, Satisfied with what the Bible teaches, not going to extremes on either side. But looking to Jesus Christ the author and finisher of our faith. How sweet it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. Salvation by grace is our hope, and Jesus Christ is our salvation and mediator, interceder, prophet and King. And his redeemed children should serve Him and keep His commandments, and doing so, will find rest to their souls. This rest is found in the path of obedience. God has taught

His children to love each other. And we beg for sweet fellowship and love to continue with each and every one,

Pray for us and visit us. May the great God of peace direct and keep us is my prayer,

Yours in hope, C. M. MILLS

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Lawyer's Springs	Elder J R Wilson.. "	H M Baucom..Peachland N C	1	--	--		--	2	--	57	1	30 00
Liberty Hill	Elder O C Mullis .Unionville NC	L C Blackwelder..Stanfield N C..R 1	1	--	.	1	--		--	7	1	2 00
Meadow Creek	Elder O C Mullis..Unionville N C	D M Hathcock..Stanfield NC	.	1		--	--	.	--	16	1	7 85
Mountain Creek	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle N C	J E Russell..Albemarle N C..R 2	7	--	--	--	--	1	2	29	3	12 75
Pleasant Grove	Elder C M Mills, Charlotte N C	Ashley Helms .Marshville N C	..	.	--		.	1	.	30	2	10 00
Bethel	Elder W E Benton, Shallotte N C	O J Bell..Wampee S C	1		--	.	2	1	--	20	4	2 50
Union Grove	Elder C M Mills..Charlotte N C	F L Baucom..Monroe N C..R 2		1		3	--	--	--	43	2	13 45
Watson	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle N C	David Helms..Unionville, N C	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	41	..	8 50
Union	Ed. S J Heath, Mt Holly N C	W R Coley..McAdenville N C	2	3	.	4	9	--	--	33	1	2 00
			18	7	1	9	11	7	2	320		

Total contributions $122.05

Printing and Dis. minutes 25 00

Dist. to ministers present..97.05

MINUTES

—OF THE—

104th Annual Session

of the

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the

Watson Church at Watson, Union County, N. C.,

Sept. 18th, 19th, 20th, 1936

OFFICERS

ELDER P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
PRESTON HELMS, Clerk
H. M. BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk

Tbe 1937 Session will be held with the Church at High Hill, near Monroe, N. C., Friday, Saturday and third Sunday in September, 1937.

MINUTES

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Held with the

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Sept. 18th, 19th, 20th, 1936

OFFICERS

ELDER P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
PRESTON HELMS, Clerk
H. M. BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, Sept. 18th, 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills from St. John 14:15. After an intermission of one hour for dinner, the Association assembled in the house, and after a song of praise and prayer by Eld. C. M. Mills, the church, messengers and invited visitors proceeded to business as follows :

Eld, P. J. Washburn, Moderator for Watson church, acted as Moderator, and Bro. Preston Helms, Clerk of Watson church, acted as Clerk, and Bro. H. M. Baucom assisted him.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches, to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Bethel. Brethren L. T. Bell, S. M. Benton, sisters Jewell, Todd, Jim Lee and others.

From High Hill, Brethren S. H. Edwards, S D Outen, G. W Helms and C. T. Mills and others.

From Lawyers' Springs, J R Horne, H. M. Baucom, L W Collins, J B Medlin, alternate.

From Liberty Hill, No messenger present.

From Meadow Creek. Brethren W H Hatley, R M Hatley and D M Hathcoek.

From Mountain Creek. Brethren W L Soloman, G A Hope, C W Smith and J E Russell.

From Pleasant Grove. Brethren L L Griffin, T F Mills, A E Broom and Claud Mills.

From Union Grove. Brethren Jeff Taylor, F L Baucom, J A Griffin and F P Deese.

From Watson. Whole Church.

From Union Church. Eld. S F Heath, W R Coley, Reuben Williams and F M Moore.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None.

4. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching. First named from each church.
Committee on finance Brethren D M Haithcock. L L Griffin, C W Smith, Preston H Helms, F P Deese, S D Outen. H M Baucom.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek. Eld. R A May. M N Todd, sister Torrell and others.

From Dan River. Eld Silas Dallas, W H Oaks, A T McDaniel, Brethren Furgeson, Nance and others.

From Little River. Eld. J S Stevenson, W G Stevenson Brethren R F Smith, L A Stevenson and others.

From South Arkansaw—Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley—Minutes.

From Mt. Zion—Minutes.

From Tennessee--Nolachuckey—Minutes.

Correspondents To Sister Associations.

To Silver Creek, Eld. P J Washburn, O C Mullis, C M Mills, Bro. J T Simpson and Minutes.

To Dan River. Eld. C M Mills, S F Heath and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Little River. Eld. C M Mills, O C Mullis and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Sequachey Valley. Eld. P J Washburn and Bro. J T Simpson and Minutes.

To Mt. Zion. Eld. C M Mills and P J Washburn and Minutes.

To Tennesse and Nolachucky. Eld. C M Mills and Minutes,

To South Ark. Minutes.

7. On motion, agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and Associations, with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Eld. C M Mills was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minute.

9. On motion adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Saturday a. m. Saturday a. m. Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock a. m, and after praise and prayer by Eld. R A May, proceeded to business as follows :

10. Called on finance committee to report, Reported sent up by the churches and congregations, $123.05.

On motion finance committee discharged.

11. On motion it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the church at High Hill, Union County. N. C., on Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1937, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That since all the churches composing this Association believe in and practice the washing of feet as taught by our Sayiour, St. John 13-4-17; that we ask the churches composing this body to state in their letters to the Association next year whether they approve of amending article 11 of our Articles of Faith by adding the following, to wit :

"We believe in the washing of feet as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17."

13. On motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Bro H M Baucom is requested to have the job done, and that we allow him $30.00 for printing and distributing them.

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15. On motion it is agreed that all funds above $30.00 for 800 copies Minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Remarks—Thus ended one of the most peaceful and loving sessions of our Association that it has ever been our privilege to attend. Our home and corresponding and visiting ministers came humbly before the great gathering present and occupied their own good place and preached to the edification of the hearers, and we believe to the honor of God.

We believe the bread was cast upon the waters and hope that it may be gathered up many days hence. Our correspondents will please take our corresponding letters as personal to them.

We especially want to thank our good outside friends for their liberal contributions.

Elder P. J. WASHBURN, Moderator
PRESTON HELMS, Clerk
H. M. BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk

Order of Preaching

Friday a. m.	Eld. C M Mills	Text St. John 14:15
' p. m.	' Ballard	' Unknown
' p. m.	' S F Heath	' '
' p. m.	' J S Stevenson	' Rev. 12:1-2
Sat. a. m.	' J B Dallas	' Eph. 5:1-2
' a. m.	' R A May	Text As Moses lifted up the serpent, &c
' a. m.	' O C Mullis	' St. John 15:-1 5
' p. m.	' Wm. G Stevenson—Come O north wind	
' p. m.	' W H Oaks	Eph. 4:11-12
' p. m.	' A T McDaniel	Titus: Sound doctrine
Sun. a. m.	' Bro. Ferguson	Text : James 1:13-15
' a m.	' C M Mills	' St. John .....
' a. m.	' J S Stevenson	· Feed my sheep
' a. m.	' P J Washburn	' Luke 2:7

Ministers Present

Eld. W H Oaks
' W G Stevenson
' J S Stevenson
' A T McDaniel
· R A May
' J B Dallas

Eld. C M Mills
· P J Washburn
' O C Mullis
' S F Heath
And Liceniates
Ferguson and Ballard

Corresponding Letter

To the Brethren composing The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association and all Corresponding Associations and Visitors :—Greeting :

We have met again—are in sweet peace, for which we thank the good Lord. We love to see you come and bring good news to our ears, your ministers especially. We are contending for the doctrines of God, our Saviour, the same as taught by the written word and the revealed word in our hearts, and agreeing on fundamental principles as taught in the Bible, and we are practicing the things taught by our Saviour in his church, all of the ordinances and example of baptism, communion, feet washing and have for over one hundred years.

We believe the church is blessed in doing what the Lord said do, and all its members are blessed in doing what the Lord said do, and we believe the church or its members are chastised for their disobedience. We want the correspondence of God's children who want peace, and practice it, come to see us. May our correspondence also continue as heretofore in love and fellowship. Let our brethren at home and abroad come to see us.

Submitted in love.

Your Little Brother in Christ, C. M. MILLS

RULES GOVERNING The "ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION"

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to passupon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary or set forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7 We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9 We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinance of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust and a general judment.

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Watson	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle, N.C.	Preston Helms, Route 3, Monroe, N C					2			37	4th	12.50
	Eld. O C Mullis, R. 3, Monroe '											
High Hill	Eld. J R Wilson, Martinsville, Va	C T Mills, Monroe '						3		44	1st	28.00
Lawyers' Spring	Eld. J R Wilson, ' '	H M Baucom, Peachland '	1	1		1				62	1st	30.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. O C Mullis, Rt 3, Monroe, N.C	Represented by pastor				1				5	1st	
Meadow Creek	Eld. O C Mullis, Rt3, Monroe '	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, .	1	2					1	22	1st	9.75
Mountain Creek	Eld. P J Washburn, Albemarle '	J E Russell, Albemarle '	1	1		2	2	2		26	3rd	10.55
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C M Mills, Charlotte '	T A Helms, Marshville '			8					41	2nd	11.00
Union Grove	Eld. C M Mills, ' '	F L Baucom. Monroe '	2							47	2nd	14.25
Union	Eld. S F Heath, Gastonia '	W R Coley, McAdensville '								28	4th	4.00
Bethel	Eld. W E Benton, Shallotte '	O J Bell, Wampee '	5	1	1					27	3rd	3.00
			10	5	9	4	4	5	1	339		123.05

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, Sept. 17th, 11 o'clock a. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J R Wilson from Daniel 2nd. chap., 44th verse.

After an intermission of one hour for dinner, the Association assembled in the house, and after a song, praise and prayer by Elder C M Mills, the church messengers and invited visitors proceeded to business, as follows:

Elder J R Wilson, Moderator for High Hill Church, acted as Moderator, and Bro C T Mills Clerk of High Hill church acted as Clerk, and Bro Preston Helms assisted him; also Bro Robt. Horne as reading clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From High Hill—whole church.

From Bethel—Brethren W T Bell, Joe Lee, O J Bell and others.

From Lawyers' Springs—Brethren J B Medlin, H M Baucom, W E Jones, P A Griffin and others.

From Liberty Hill—Brethren A J Deese, C W Safley and others.

From Meadow Creek—Brethren D M Hathcock, R M Hatley, W. H. Hatley, Tice Furr and others.

From Mt. Creek—Brethren J E Russell, C W Smth, Willie Solomon, Virgil Solomon and others.

From Pleasant Grove—Brethren Marshall Mullis, T F Mills, Tommie Stegall, T A Helms and others.

From Union Grove—Brethren Jeff Taylor, J A Griffin, Sanford Medlin. F P Deese and others.

From Watson—Brethren J Troy Simpson, Gilbert Benton, J A Helms, F O Helms and others.

From Union—Brethren S F Heath, Brady Polk, W R Coley, ... Moore and others.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching—Brethren C T Mills, Preston

Helms, D M Hathcock, H M Baucom and F L Baucom.

Committee on finance—Brethren F P Deese, Walter Jones, J E Russell, J Troy Simpson.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek..Elders A L Presnell, R A May and wife, Bro Robert Smith and wife,

From Dan River .Elders J R Wilson, W H Oaks, Silas Dallas and brethren J D Hopkins, E L Furgeson and others.

From Little River..Elder Joel T Lewis; brethren M M Denning, M N Todd. R F Smith, W T Ward and..... Pollard and wife and others.

From South Arkansas..Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley..Elder R O Roulston and Minutes.

From Mt. Zion..Minutes.

From Tennessee--Nolachucky..Minutes.

Correspondents to sister Associations.

To Silver Creek..Elders C M Mills and P J Washburn.

To Dan River. Elders C M Mills, P J Washburn, Brethren C T Mills. Robt. Horne and J Troy Simpson.

To Little River..Elders P J Washburn, C M Mills and Bros. C T Mills, Robt. Horne.

To Sequachie Valley ..Elders P J Washburn and C M Mills

To Mt. Zion..File of minutes.

To Tennessee--Nolachucky..Elders P J Washburn and C M Mills.

To South Arkansas..File of minutes,

7. On motion, agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and Associations with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Vann P Helms was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minute.

9. On motion adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Saturday A. M.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m., and after praise and prayer by Eld. P J Washburn, proceeded to business, as follows :

10. Called on finance committee to report. Reported sent up by the churches and congregations $161.70

On motion, finance committee discharged.

11. On motion it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letters called for, read and adopted.

12. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the church at Liberty Hill, Stanly county, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in Sept.. 1938, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

AMENDMENT

The churches composing this body authorized the Association to add to Art. 11 of our Articles of Faith the following, to wit :

We believe in and practice the washing of feet as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

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REMARKS :

This ends one of the most peaceful and delightful Associations we have ever been permitted to attend. Our home ministers, corresponding and visiting ministers came in their own humble way, preaching Jesus, the only way for which poor lost sinners are saved. Also admonished the Lord's little children to their duty toward serving Him and being obedient to His command, which we feel in our hearts is edifying to the little children of God, and to the honor of His dear name.

We believe the Gospel we heard, and this meeting will long be remembered, and we can feast on it for many days. Our correspondents will please take our corresponding letters as personal to them. We especially want to thank our outside friends for their kind deeds and liberal contributions during this meeting. May the dove of peace hover over us next year as it has in the past year.

Elder J. R. WILSON, Mod.
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Order of Preaching

Friday a. m.	Elder J. R. Wilson	Text, Daniel 2:44
' p. m.	' R. O. Roulston	' Jude 2
	' C. M. Mills	' ' 3
Saturday a, m.	Bro. M M Denning— Text, "Behold what manner of love," etc.	
Saturday a. m,	Bro J D Hopkins Text, Gal. 6:7-9	
Saturday a. m.	Elder A L Presnell—Text: Prayer and experience	
Saturday p. m.	Elder R A May—Text St. John 15:1-15	
Saturday p. m.	Bro E L Furgeson—Text 1st Cor., 2:2-6	
Saturday p. m.	Elder Silas Dallas—Text 1st Peter 1:2	
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Sunday a. m.	Eld. W H Oaks—Text, Isaiah 40:4-7	
Sunday a. m.	Elder Joel T Lewis—Text, Ephesians 2	
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Corresponding Letter

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to our Corresponding Associations and
to all of like Precious Faith,
to whom these greetings may come :

We have, through the tender mercies of our God been permitted to meet again in an Associational capacity, and while we feel so unworthy our blessed Lord has sent us of His ministers from the different parts of His kingdom all preaching one and the same thing : Peace by Jesus Christ, our Lord; and our message to you, which makes us feel so unworthy, yet at the same time so thankful, is that all of the churches and ministers composing the Association are at peace and in love one with another. Under the proclamation of the gospel and the love manifested, our souls are lifted up to the extent that we can say "peace on earth and good will toward men,"

Love to all the household of faith. Come and visit with us.

VANN P. HELMS

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Lawyer's Springs	" J R Wilson, " "	H M Baucom, Peachland "	5							67	1st	37 55	For Minutes 30.00
Liberty Hill	" O C Mullis, Rt. 3, Monroe, N C	C W Safley, Albemarle, box 14 "		3					2	9	1st	2 35	
Meadow Creek	" O C Mullis, " 3, " "	D M Hathcock, Stanfield "								20	3rd	12 00	
Mountain Creek	" P J Washburn, Rt 2, Albemarle N C	J E Russell, Albemarle "				3		1		23	2d	12 00	
Pleasant Grove	" C M Mills, Charolte "	A E Broome, Marshville, Rt. 2 "	1				1	1		38	2d	10 50	
Union Grove	" C M Mills, " "	F L Baucom, Monroe "	1	1	1		1	1		48	4th	28 75	
Watson	" P J Washburn, Rt. 2, Albemarle "	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Monroe "	1			1		2		35	3rd	16 85	
Bethel	Elds { C M Mills, Charlotte N C / W E Benton, Shallotte " } joint-ly	P J Bell, Wampee, S C				1		1		26		3 00	
							1	1		26		4 00	
Union	Elds { S P Heath, Mt. Holly, N C / C M Mills, Charlotte, " } joint-ly	W R Coley, 105 N. 1st St., Belmont "										1 80	
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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 16th, 11 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. H. Oaks.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills, from Nehemiah 2nd chapter, 9th verse.

After an intermission of one hour for lunch, the Association assembled in the house, and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson, of Martinsville, Va., the church messengers and invited visiting brethren proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, Moderator for Liberty Hill Church, acted as Moderator for the Association and Brother T. L. Medlin acted as Clerk, and by request of Liberty Hill Church Brother Preston Helms assisted the Church Clerk and Brother Robert Horne acted as Reading Clerk.

1st. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2nd. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Liberty Hill: Whole church.

From Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

From Lawyers Springs: Brethren J. R. Horne, P. A. Griffin, Cletus Marsh, Thanny Helms and others.

From High Hill: Brethren S. D. Outen, S. H. Edwards, A. Z. Mills, N. W. Williams and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, W. H. Hatley, D. M. Hathcock and others.

From. Mt. Creek: Bhethren J. E. Russell, C. W. Smith, Clyde Medlin, Willie Solomon and others.

From Pleasant Grove: Brethren T. F. Mills, A. E. Broom, Brady Mills, J. C. Mills and others.

From Union Grove: Brethren Oscar Wooten, Jeff Taylor, Sanford Medlin, Alonzo Griffin and others.

From Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, E. V. Baucom, J. Troy Simpson, David Helms and others.

From Union: Brethren Brady Polk, F. M. Moore, Ruben Willims, John Ballard, W. R. Coley and Elder S. F. Heath.

3rd. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4th. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethen A. J. Deese, G. P. Burris, J. E. Russell, S. H. Edwards and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Jack Underwood, F. P. Deese, H. M. Baucom, A. E. Broome and J. T. Simpson.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee and others.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, S. J. B. Dallas, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins, Brother W. H. Lewis and other Brethren and Sisters.

From Little River: Elders J. S. Stephenson, J. T. Lewis and Brethren R. F. Smith, M. N. Todd, J. L. Johnson, James Durham, L. A. Stephenson and others.

From South Arkansas. File of Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley. File of Minutes.

From Mt. Zion. File of Minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky. File of Minutes.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elder C. M. Mills and Brother J. T. Simpson.

To Dan River: Elders C. M. Mills, O. C. Mills and Brother W. M. Green.

To Little River: Elder C. M. Mills; Brethren C. T. Mills, J. T. Simpson, A. E. Broome, T. L. Medlin, J. W. Harwood and Preston Helms.

To Sequachie Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Mt. Zion. Minutes.

To Tennessee—Nolachucky. Minutes.

To South Arkansas. Elder C. M. Mills.

7th. On motion, agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Elder C. M. Mills was appointed to write corresponding letter for this Minute.

9th. On motion adjourned to 9:30 Saturday morning with Elder J. D. Hopkins announcing the benediction.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m., and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Hopkins, of Schoolfield, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations, $174.15. On motion report received and Finance Committee discharged.

11th. On motion, it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion, it is agreed that we hold the next Session of this Association with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Union county, N. C., beginning on Friday and continuing through the 3rd Sunday in September, 1939, and that the pastor of Pleasant Grove church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. On motion, it is agreed that we have 800 copies of Minutes printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of same and that we allow him $35.00 for his services.

14th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for his mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15. By motion, we agreed that all funds above $35.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16th. On motion, adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. T. Lewis, of Angier, N. C.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator.
T. L. MEDLIN, Clerk.
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ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, A. M., Elder C. M. Mills. Text, Nehemiah 2:9.
Friday, P. M., Brother W. H. Lewis. Text, St. John 14:1-3.
Friday, P. M., Elder J. D. Hopkins. Text, Genesis 9:13
Friday, P. M., Elder O. C. Mullis. Text, 2nd Cor. 19:10.
Saturday, A. M., Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text, Matthew 27:18-20.
Saturday, A. M., Elder S. J. B. Dallas. Text, Acts 9:1-7
Saturday, A. M., Elder W. H. Oaks. Text, Isaiah 32:1-2
Saturday, P. M., Elder R. A. May. Text, Luke 16:19-31.
Saturday, P. M., Elder T. L. Wilson. Text, Ephesians 2:10.
Saturday, P M., Elder J. T. Lewis. Did not get text.
Sunday, A. M., Elder W. H. Oaks. Text, Gal. 5:1.
Sunday, A. M., Elder J. T. Lewis. Text, Col. 3:1-4.
Sunday, A. M., Elder J. R. Wilson. Text, Gal. 2:20.
Sunday, P. M., Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text, Mark 1:1-3.
Sunday, P. M., Elder C. M. Mills. Text, Col. 2:9.

NOTE

Through and by the grace of God, our Saviour, this ends one of the greatest feasts to hold since we can remember. Quietness reigned over a very large congregation to hear the Gospel bells ringing from the pulpit, which were sounding clearly and highly, praising a God of all power. Each minister came in his way and manner, speaking words of comfort and edification to the dear little children of God which brought shouts of praise to His Holy name. It was as bread cast on the waters to be gathered up many days hence.

During the meeting eight of God's little Saints came marching into the church. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,

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Farewell in the Lord.

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Elder J. R. Wilson, 22 Moss Street, Martinsville, Va.
Elder W. H. Oaks, Route 3, Dry Fork, Va.
Elder S. J. B. Dallas, 115 W. James Street, Danville, Va.
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Liberty Hill.....	T. L. Medlin, Rt. 4, Albemarle, N. C...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	22	1	3	2	1	0	0	37	1	$34.50
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Mountain Creek.	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	23	3	$13.50
Pleasant Grove..	A. E. Broome, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C..	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	42	2	$13.55
Union Grove.....	F. L. Baucom, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	49	2	$22.15
Watson.....	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C. and A. L. Presnell, Rominger, N. C...	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	32	4	$12.50
Bethel.....	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Wampee, S. C.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	3	$ 2.50
Union.....	W. R. Coley, 105 N. First St., Belmont, N. C.....	Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	26	4	$ 5.00
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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Original Bear Creek Association of Primitive Baptists.

Friday, September 15, 1939.

The Association convened in its one hundred seventh session with the church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, North Carolina.

After songs of praise services continued with prayer by Elder H. E. Powell of Rt. 3, Cochran, Ga., and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Mills, of Charlotte, N. C., from Acts of Apostles 2nd chapter and 42-43 verses.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the Association assembled in the house, and after singing songs of praise and prayer by Elder T. V. Mann, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in regular order.

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Pleasant Grove church, acted as Moderator and Brother A. E. Broom, clerk of the church, acted as clerk and called Brother Preston Helms to assist him and also Brother Robert Horne as reading clerk.

1st. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2nd. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove: Whole church.

From Bethel: Brother W. T. Bell.

From Lawyers Springs: Brethren J. B. Medlin, J. R. Horne, C. P. Marsh, T. M. Helms and others.

From High Hill: Brethren R. C. Hill, Durant Pressley, N. W. Williams, S. H. Edwards and others.

From Mt. Creek: Brethren Clyde Medlin, J. E. Russell, C. W. Smith, Willie Solomon and others.

From Union Grove: Brethren G. C. Baucom, F. P. Deese, Sanford Medlin, Oscar Wooten and others.

From Watson: Brethren F. O. Helms, J. T. Simpson, J. A. Helms, E. V. Baucom and others.

From Union: Brethren.

From Liberty Hill: Brethren E. F. Lambert, T. L. Medlin, C. C. Furr, Jack Underwood and others.

From Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, W. H. Hatley, D. M. Hathcock and others.

3rd. Called for petitionary. None handed in.

4th. The Moderator was authorized by the Association to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Brady Mills, A. E. Broom, Claude Mills, S. D. Outen and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren W. A. Dry, F. L. Baucom, J. E. Russell, W. J. Underwood and F. O. Helms.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report.

By arrangements and authority of Watson church in Union County, N. C., a Presbytery composed of the following Elders, C. M. Mills, P. J. Washburn and O. C. Mullis and Deacons J. T. Simpson, S. H. Edwards, W. J. Underwood, F. L. Baucom, A. E. Broom and E. F. Lambert ordained Brother Fulton Helms to the office of Deacon.

As was previously arranged the following Elders, C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis, J. R. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins and A. L. Presnell, with Deacons from all the churches of this Association formed a Presbytery by authority of Liberty Hill church and ordained Brethren W. J. Underwood, G. P. Burris and E. F. Lambert to the office of Deacons of Liberty Hill church.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee and others.

From Dan River: Elders P. J. Washburn, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins, Brethren J. J. Minter, W. A. Nance, W. H. Lewis and others.

From Little River: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, Brethren R. F. Smith, L. A. Stephenson, M. N. Todd and others.

From South Arkansas: Elders T. L. Webb and E. W. Hargett.

From Sequachie Valley: File of Minutes.

From Mt. Zion: File of Minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of Minutes.

From Flint River of Ga., Elder R. K. Blackshears and Brother W. S. Lane.

From Little River of Ga., Elder T. V. Mann.

From Primitive Ebenezer of Ga., Elder H. E. Powell.

From Ocmulgee: Sister T. V. Whitaker.

From High Point Church, Elder V. V. Willard with other Brethren and Sisters.

From Ebenezer Church, Elder E. C. Oaks.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Dan River: Elder C. M. Mills, Brethren C. C. Furr, J. B. Medlin and C. T. Mills.

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7th. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8th. On motion Elder C. H. White was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minutes.

9th. On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning.

Benediction announced by Elder C. M. Mills.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m. and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Hopkins, of Schoolfield, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations $206.75. Report received and committee discharged.

11th. By motion agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the Union Grove church, Union county, N. C., beginning on Friday and continuing through the third Sunday in September 1940, and that the pastor of Union Grove church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. By motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distribute as usual and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of the same and that we allow him $30.00 for his services.

14th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for His mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15th. By motion we agree that all funds above $30.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16h. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned. Benediction by Elder E. W. Hargette, of Eldorado, Ark.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, a. m., Elder C. M. Mills, Acts 2:42-43.
Friday, p. m., Elder T. V. Mann, St. John 3:9.
Friday, p. m., Elder E. W. Hargett, Titus 2:1.
Saturday, a. m., Elder E. C. Oaks, Acts 11:17.
Saturday, a. m., Elder W. H. Oaks, 2 Timothy 2:19.
Saturday, a. m., Elder J. D. Hopkins, St. John 14:15.
Saturday, p. m., Elder R. A. May, Romans 5:1-10.
Saturday, p. m., Elder P. J. Washburn, St. John.
Saturday, p. m., Elder J. T. Lewis, I Corinthians 15:1-3.
Saturday night, Brother W. H. Lewis, Ephesians 1:3.
Saturday night, Elder H. E. Powell, ... 10:13.
Sunday, a. m., Elder J. S. Stephenson, Ephesians 2:1-2.
Sunday, a. m., Elder R. K. Blackshears, Isaiah 56:4.
Sunday, a. m., Elder J. T. Lewis.
Sunday, p. m., Elder T. L. Webb, Psalms 56.4.
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NOTE

Thus ended a love feast of good things from on high. Each minister came in his own way and manner, feeding God's little ones until their cups ran over. After services Saturday, p. m., the congregation met with three whom desired to follow Jesus in Baptism, and were buried beneath the yielding waves to arise and walk in newness of life by our highly esteemed Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills.

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After songs of praise services continued with prayer by Elder B. A. Phillips of the Little River Association of Georgia.

Followed with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove Church from these words: Little children keep yourselves from idols.

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From High Hill: Brethren C. R. Hill, M. C. Mills, H. F. Austin, N. A. Williams and others.

From Mt. Creek: Brethren Clyde Medlin, Willie Solomon, J. E. Russell, Ben Polk and others.

From Watson: Brethren Fulton Helms, J. T. Simpson, J. A. Helms, David Helms and others.

From Union: Elder S. F. Heath, Brethren Guy Johnson, W. R. Coley and others.

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3rd. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4th. The Moderator was authorized by the Association to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren F. Latta Baucom, F. P. Deese, W. J. Underwood and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Sanford Medlin, A. E. Broom, J. E. Russell, Robert Horne and S. H. Edwards.

5th. Called on Presbyteries to report.

Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1940, by authority of Lawyer's Springs Church Elders J. R. Wilson, C. M. Mills and T. L. Webb and several Deacons from Sister Churches formed a Presbytery and ordained Brethren Cletus Pinckney Marsh and James Robert Horne to the office work of Deacons.

As previously arranged Elders C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis and T. L. Webb with several Deacons from visiting churches formed a Presbytery at Union Grove Church, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, 1940, and ordained Brother Sanford Medlin to the office of Deacon.

6th. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder R. A. May, Brother C. L. McGee.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, T. L. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins, F. F. Eggleton, W. H. Lewis, Brethren Joe Minter, Sam Walton, A. H. Dickerson and others.

From Little River, N. C.: Elders J. T. Lewis, M. M. Denning, E. L. Furgeson, J. S. Stephenson, Brethren R. F. Smith, M. N. Todd, C. C. Hill and wife and others.

From South Arkansas: File of minutes.

From Sequachie Valley: File of minutes.

From Mt. Zion: File of minutes.

From Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of minutes.

Little River of Georgia: Elders B. A. Phillips, W. E. Cagle and T. V. Mann.

Powells Valley: Elder Lee Hanks.

Greenfield of Tennessee: Elder A. B. Ross.

Pulaskie of Georgia: Elder M. A. Hall and wife.

High Point Church: Elder V. V. Willard.

Spoon Creek Church: Elder J. P. Via.

Correspondents to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek: Elders T. L. Webb and C. M. Mills.

To Dan River: Elders C. M. Mills, T. L. Webb, Brethren Robert Horne and C. T. Mills.

To Little River, N. C.: Elders O. C. Mullis, T. L. Webb and Brother J. T. Simpson.

To Sequachie Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

To Mt. Zion: File of minutes.

To Tennessee—Nolachucky: File of minutes.

To South Arkansas: File of minutes.

This Association agreed to take up correspondence with the Little River Association of Georgia and appointed Elders C. M. Mills and T. L. Webb as correspondents to their next session.

7th. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8th. On motion Brother H. M. Baucom was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in minutes.

9th. On motion adjourned to Saturday morning.

Benediction by Elder J. R. Wilson.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment met in the house at 9:30 A. M. and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson of Martinsville, Va., proceeded to business as follows:

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations $228.90. Report received and committee released.

11th. By motion agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

12th. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with Mt. Creek Church in Stanly County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1941, and continuing through Sunday, and that the pastor of Mt. Creek Church preach the introductory sermon.

13th. By motion it is agreed that we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual and that Brother Preston Helms is requested to superintend the printing and distributing of the same and that we allow him $35.00 for his services.

14th. By motion we agree that all funds above $35.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

15th. By unanimous consent of the Association we return thanks to God for His mercy and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

16th. On motion adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. S. Stephenson.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C. M. Mills, Text, 1st John 5:21.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder W. H. Lewis. Failed to get text.
Elder T. V. Mann, Text, Matthew 6:33.
Elder E. L. Furgeson, Text, Ephesians 2:4-5.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder J. P. Via, Text, 2nd Chapter of Luke.
Elder Lee Hanks, Text, Proverbs 1:1-5.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard, Text, Romans 12:12.
Elder M. A. Hall, Matthew 11:3-4.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, 1st John 1:1.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder R. A. May, Text, Acts 8:26.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Text, 1st Corinthians 15:14.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Text, Romans 10:1.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder W. E. Cagle, Text, John 17th Chapter.
Elder F. F. Eggleton, Text, We preach not ourselves.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder A. B. Ross, Text, Deuteronomy 32:9-13.
Elder B. A. Phillips, Text, Ephesians 1:4.
Elder J. T. Lewis. No text, short remarks.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder W. H. Oaks. Failed to get text.
Elder J. R. Wilson, Text, St. Luke 9:6.

NOTE

This was a meeting that will long be remembered. The ministers all came preaching the glorious gospel of salvation by grace and it was a drawing and knitting together in one bundle of Christian love. The Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills, was called on to lead seven of the Lord's little children down into the water to baptize them into the full fellowship of God's Kingdom, the church.

Six of this number joined during this meeting and one was already awaiting baptism and they ranged in age from ten to 67 years.

What a Heavenly scene to behold.

VISITING MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder R. A. May, R-3, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder J. T. Lewis, R-2, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, R-2, Angier, N. C.
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Elder W. H. Lewis, Keeling, Va.
Elder T. L. Wilson, R-1, Ridgeway, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleton, Bassett, Va.
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Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder Lee Hanks, R-4, Box 38, Asheville, N. C.
Elder A. B. Ross, Martin. Tennessee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sent up by churches and congregations	$228.90
For printing and mailing minutes and clerk fee	$ 35.00
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Elder C. M. Mills, 614 South Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder A. L. Presnell, Brush Creek, N. C.
Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, to our Corresponding and Visiting Associations, and to all of like precious Faith.

Dear Brethren, Greetings:

We through the mercies of God, have been permitted to meet again in an Associational capacity with many correspondents and visitors present with us. We appreciate their presence and trust they will feel it in their hearts to come again.

All the churches of our Association report peace with some engathering for which we are thankful. How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity and in peace, each prefering others to self.

We have visiting ministers from North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia and they all come preaching the gospel of peace by Jesus Christ.

This meeting is being held with the church of my late father and mother and it is a dear place to me.

May the Lord continue to bless us with love and peace and fellowship.

Come to see us often.

In Love,
H. M. Baucom.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

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chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

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Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd. by Letter	Rec'd. by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, 614 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.....	F. Latta Baucom, R-3, Monroe, N. C...	16	2	0	2	3	1	0	76	2	$45.50
Lawyer's Springs..	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va....		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	$37.25
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va....	C. T. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C.....	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	48	1	$30.00
Mt. Creek.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	23	3	$18.00
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Preston Helms, R-2, Marshville, N. C...	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	32	4	$15.10
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	T. L. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.....	10	1	3	0	1	0	1	56	1	$29.50
Meadow Creek....	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C..	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	34	1	$12.00
Pleasant Grove...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C.....	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	61	2	$32.55
Union.....	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va	W. R. Coley, 113 East Catawba St., Belmont, N. C.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	30	3	$ 6.00
Bethel.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C....	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	28	4	$ 3.00
			44	13	3	6	7	3	6	455		228.90

The 1941 Session of the Association will be held with the church at Mt. Creek, Stanly County, N. C., 3rd Sunday and Friday and Saturday before in September.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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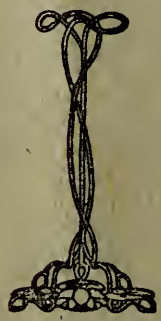

— HELD WITH —

MT. CREEK CHURCH

STANLEY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 1941

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS	Moderator
J. E. RUSSELL	Clerk
PRESTON HELMS	Assistant Clerk
ROBERT HORNE	Reading Clerk

THE MESSENGER OF ZION PRINT, MADISONVILLE, KY.

PROCEEDINGS

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Mt. Creek Church, Stanley County, North Carolina, in its one hundred and ninth session, beginning Friday, September 19, 1941, and continued through Sunday.

After songs of parise, services continued with prayer by Elder W. T. Cook, of Eclectic, Ala., followed with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mt. Creek Church, from Acts 1:13-14.

After an hour for intermission and refreshments, the association met in the house, and after songs of praise, and prayer by Elder B. A. Phillips, R. No. 3, Alpharetta, Ga., messengers and brethren proceeded to business in the following order:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mt. Creek Church, was seated as moderator, with Brother J. E. Russell, clerk of the church, acting as clerk, who called Brother Preston Helms as assistant clerk, and Brother Robert Horne as reading clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Mt. Creek represented by whole church.

From Bethel—Brother W. T. Bell.

From Lawyers Springs—Brethren Robert Horne, Cletus Marsh, Grant Sikes, P. A. Griffin and others.

From High Hill—Brethren H. T. Austin, M. C. Mills, N. M. Williams, S. H. Edwards and others.

From Watson—Brethren Preston Helms, H. N. Curlee, E. V. Baucom, J. T. Simpson and others.

From Union—Brethren W. R. Coley, Elder S. F. Heath, Brady Polk, W. A. Dean and others.

From Liberty Hill—Brethren Roy Branch, Fred Lee Honeycutt, C. C. Furr, J. A. Underwood and others.

From Meadow Creek—Brethren W. H. Hatley, R. M. Hatley, E. H. Simpson, R. M. Hathcock and others.

From Pleasant Grove—Brethren J. M. Williams, A. E. Broom, J. M. Taylor, B. F. Mills and others.

From Union Grove—Brethren Jeff Taylor, Leonard Baucom, F. P. Deese, F. L. Baucom and others.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

High Point Church presented a letter asking for membership in this association, and an arm known as Pleasant Hill, which was unanimously received.

Following are messengers from High Point Church: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren R. A. Strickland, Darius Burris, L. A. King and others.

4. The moderator, Elder C. M. Mills, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching—Brethren J. E. Russell, W. L. Solamon, E. F. Lambert, J. M. Taylor and Preston Helms.

Committee on Finance—Brethren Robert Horne, F. L. Baucom and A. E. Broom.

5. Called on presbyteries to report. None reported.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister associations and churches to seats with us.

We welcome your presence and hope you will continue to visit us.

From Silver Creek—No intelligence.

From Dan River—Elders J. R. Wilson, W. H. Lewis, J. D. Hopkins, W. H. Oaks, F. F. Eggleston, T. L. Wilson, Brethren J. S. Minter, J. J. Minter and W. H. Winn.

From Little River of North Carolina—Elders J T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, E. L. Ferguson, M. M. Denning and Brethren O. B. Currin, R. F. Smith and M. N. Todd.

From South Arkansas—No intelligence.
From Sequachie Valley—No intelligence.
From Mt. Zion—No intelligence.
From Tennessee—Nolachucky—File of minutes.
From Little River of Georgia—Elders B. A. Phillipps and T. V. Mann.
From Mud Creek—Elder Fred Stewart and file of minutes.
From Highland of Kentucky—Elder J. P. Clayton.
From Southwest Texas—Elder Ariel West.
From Lower Wetumpka—Elders W. T. Cook and J. B. Williams.
From Spoons Creek Church—Elder J. P. Via.

Correspondents to visit sister associations are as follows:

To Silver Creek—Elder V. V. Willard and Brother J. M. Taylor.

To Little River of North Carolina—Brethren S. H. Edwards, O. L. Burris, C. C. Furr and Elder O. C. Mullis.

To Sequachie Valley—Elder C. M. Mills.
To Mt. Zion—File of minutes.
To Tennessee-Nolachucky—Brother J. M. Taylor and file of minutes.
To South Arkansas—File of minutes.
To Little River of Georgia—Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard.

7. Agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

8. On motion, Elder V. V. Willard was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this association.

9. On motion, agreed to adjourn to Saturday morning, September 20. Benediction by Elder J. R. Wilson, of Martinsville, Va.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the association met in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. After songs of praise, and prayer by Elder Fred Stewart, of the Mud Creek Association, of Alabama, proceeded to business as follows:

10. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent up by churches and congregations, $261.95. Report received and committee released.

11. Agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

12. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

13. On motion, agreed that we hold the next session of the association with Lawyers Springs Church, of Anson County, North Carolina, begin-

ning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1942, and continue three days, and that the pastor of Lawyers Springs Church preach the introductory sermon.

14. By motion, agreed that we have 800 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing the same, and that we allow him $40.00 for his services.

15. By motion, we agree that all funds above $40.00 for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. By unanimous consent, the association returns thanks to God for His mercy and the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

17. On motion, the association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. S. Stephenson, of Angier, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.—
Elder C. M. Mills, Acts 1:13-14.

FRIDAY P. M.—
Elder J. P. Clayton.
Elder B. A. Phillips, Rev. 22:14.

SATURDAY A. M.—
Elder T. V. Mann, Romans 8:28.
Elder Fred Stewart.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, John 1:1.

SATURDAY P. M.—
Elder P. J. Washburn, Ephesians 5:8.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, John 5:25.
Elder W. H. Oaks, "He gave gifts to men."

SUNDAY A. M.—
Elder B. A. Phillips, 3 Col.
Elder Ariel West, Isaiah 46:10.
Elder W. T. Cook, Rev. 12:1.

SUNDAY P. M.—
Elder J. R. Wilson, 2 Peter 1:10.
Elder J. T. Lewis, 2 John 3:1.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT HIGH POINT CHURCH—
Elder W. T. Cook, Matt. 7:24-25; Elder Ariel West, Jere. 18:4.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT BROTHER J. E. RUSSELL'S—
Elder W. H. Lewis, failed to get text; Elder J. B. Williams, failed to get text.

SATURDAY NIGHT, HOME OF BROTHER ROY BRANCH—
Elder Ariel West, Jere. 18:3; Elder W. T. Cook, Matt. 7:26.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT MT. CREEK CHURCH—
Elder J. B. Williams, Rev. 21:1; Elder J. P. Via, Luke, second chapter.

NOTE

This was a meeting of peace, love and union. We were blessed to have with us ministers from six states. All came preaching the same doctrine of salvation by grace and grace alone, but after salvation comes the good works. After being made alive in Christ Jesus you are capacitated to perform works that are honorable to the Father, such as joining the church, being baptized, going regularly to your meetings, staying away from places you would be ashamed for your brethren to see you. By so doing, you save yourself from this untoward generation and live in the fellowship and love of the brethren and shine as a light to the world.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. R. Wilson ..... Martinsville, Va.
Elder W. H. Oaks ..... R. 3, Dry Fork, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins ..... Schoolfield, Va.
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Elder J. P. Via ..... Critz, Va.
Elder T. V. Mann ..... 937 Stewart Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
Elder B. A. Phillips ..... R. 3, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder J. T. Lewis ..... R. 2, Angier, N. C.
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Elder J. P. Clayton ..... 331 W. North St., Madisonville, Ky.
Elder J. B. Williams ..... Tallassee, Ala.
Elder Ariel West ..... 202 South Main, Madisonville, Ky.
Elder M. M. Denning ..... Angier, N. C.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder T. L. Webb ..... Marshville, N. C.
Elder C. M. Mills ..... 614 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis ..... R. 3, Monroe, N. C.
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CORRESPONDING LETTER

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DEAR BRETHREN, GREETINGS:

Since it has pleased our Heavenly Father to permit us as living monuments of His amazing love and mercy to assemble ourselves together once more in His great name, we hope it is with thankful hearts that we are enjoying the sweet privilege, not only of peace and fellowship in our own bounds, but we are also thankful that the dear Lord has directed the minds of the humble servants to come and be with us. We love them for the truth's sake and want them to feel at home; and not only the elders, but we appreciate the presence of all the brethren of like precious faith.

We are thankful indeed for the kindness being shown us by the membership of Mountain Creek Church, which we feel is the planting of God's hand.

My strongest regrets have ever been that I cannot express my appreciation to the Lord's people for their kindness and that I can't give praise and thanks to our Heavenly King as I would like.

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3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, 614 South Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.	F. Latta Baucom, R. 3, Monroe, N. C.	17	1						88	2	$ 50.00
Lawyer's Springs	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	5						2	70	1	36.75
High Hill	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.	Martin C. Mills, R. 2, Monroe, N. C.	4	1			2		1	51	1	30.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.	J. E. Russell, Albermarle, N. C.	1						2	22	3	25.50
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C. Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	Preston Helms, R. 2, Marshville, N. C.					3		1	28	4	15.25
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills, Chorlotte, N. C.	T. L. Medlin, Albemorle, N. C.	10	1	1				1	67	1	31.25
Meadow Creek	Elder O. C. Mullis, R. 3, Monroe, N. C.	D. M. Hatccock, Stanfield, N. C.	7						2	41	1	12.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Chorlotte, N. C. Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	A. E. Broom, R. 2, Marshville, N. C.	7				1	1		66	2	28.60
Union	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va.	W. R. Coley, 113 E. Catowba St., Belmont, N. C.		1		2	1			30	3	6.00
Bethel	Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.	2						1	29	4	3.50
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C. Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.	M. L. Willard, Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.	18						1	89	4	10.00
		TOTALS	71	4	1	2	7	1	11	581		$248.85
										Friends		13.10
		Total Contributions										$261.95

The 1942 session of the Association will be held with the Lawyer's Springs Church, Peachland, N. C., first Sunday and Friday and Saturday before in October.

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